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In re patent application of Muller

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For: PREPARATION IN FORM OF A MATRIX-AUXILIARY AGENT COMPOUND
CONTAINING OPTIONALLY AN ACTIVE SUBSTANCE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2000, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 3, 10 and 14 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-13 and 15-18 as follows:

1. (Amended) [Formulation] Prolonged-release formulation in the form of a matrix material-containing compound [with] comprising:
an excipient phase [with] comprising at least one excipient; [and/or]
an active substance phase [with] comprising at least one active substance;
and, characterized in that the
a matrix material [is chosen from polymers] phase comprising at least one polymer or lipid, wherein in case of cellulose materials these cellulose materials are cellulose derivatives[, and lipids], and wherein the formulation is in the form of spray-dried particles in which the [polymer phase and/or the lipid phase of the formulation] matrix material phase is incoherent and the excipient and[/or] active substance [phase of the formulation is] phases are coherent.

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